

California Water Plan Finance Caucus GROUP CHARTER

Group Charge:

The California Water Plan (CWP) Finance Caucus is a statewide topic-based workgroup designed to support development of *CWP Update 2013* through in-depth discussions and deliberations of core finance topics and issues. The Finance Caucus will expand information associated with statewide and regional integrated water planning. The Caucus will serve as a venue for coordinating water related finance planning in California. Building on *CWP Update 2009*, the Finance Caucus will provide informational updates to technical project teams, Public and Tribal Advisory Committees, and the State Agency Steering Committee.

Activities:

Content for the Finance planning portion of CWP Update 2013 is being provided by DWR technical work teams, Public and Tribal Advisory Committees, the State Agency Steering Committee, Regional Forum participants, IRWM groups, and Finance Caucus members. The table below outlines the Caucus team focus. The Caucus team reviews and provides input to the technical content, evaluates, helps draft narrative and makes policy recommendations. Project deliverables for CWP Update 2013 will be based on the best existing and available data, information, and analyses from state, regional and local efforts and planning activities.

Scope

Work will consist of advising on a finance plan for investing in water management innovation and infrastructure in support of integrated water management and sustainability. A finance plan will be published in the 2013 Water Plan that will contain recommendations regarding funding priorities, existing and new financial strategies and revenue sources, as well as governance, accountability and contingency measures.

Deliverables	Caucus Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Estimate the magnitude of statewide and regional anticipated investment requirements through the year 2050.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Help compile state, regional and local IWM plans and proposalsAdvise and assist reporting of state IWM costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Integrate several similar initiatives and processes where practical and beneficial	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Coordinate with various agencies, initiatives and processes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Form funding criteria and (optimally) funding priorities to supporting Legislative and Executive decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop, seek consensus and propose funding criteria to CWP Update teamHelp develop and seek consensus on funding priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recommend strategies to improve governance and accountability of investments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Inform and advise development of policy recommendations; including proposed revenue sources